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## SOUTHERN INDIANA COUNTIES ELIGIBLE FOR SBA LOAN PROGRAM

**Indianapolis** – The U.S. Small Business Administration (SBA) has approved Governor Mitch Daniels' request for disaster financial assistance for damages sustained in portions of Southern Indiana during severe storms and flooding on September 22 and 23. The approval means homeowners and businesses in affected counties are now eligible for the SBA's Disaster Loan program.

Homeowners and businesses who sustained damage in the following counties are eligible for the U.S. SBA Disaster Loan program:

- Clark
   Floyd
   Harrison
   Jefferson
- ScottWashington

"Once again, the SBA has promptly responded to Indiana's request for assistance," said Indiana Department of Homeland Security Executive Director Eric Dietz. "I urge Hoosier homeowners and businesses affected by the particular event to look into the assistance available through this SBA program."

The U.S. SBA's Disaster Loan program includes two types of loans, the physical disaster loan and the economic injury disaster loan. The physical disaster loan application deadline is December 15, 2006 and the economic injury disaster loan application deadline is July 16, 2007.

Homeowners or businesses who wish to apply for a loan or have questions concerning the U.S. SBA Disaster Loans can contact the SBA's Disaster Assistance Customer Service Center at 800-659-2955, go to <a href="www.sba.gov/disaster">www.sba.gov/disaster</a>. They can also visit one of the temporary SBA Disaster Loan Assistance Centers which will open on Wednesday, October 18, at the following locations:

Clark County Red Cross 1805 East 8th Street Jeffersonville, Indiana 47130

Hours: Monday - Friday, 8:30 am - 4:30 pm

Saturday, October 21st only, 9:00 am - 1:00 pm

Floyd County City County Building

311 Hauss Square, Room B-34 New Albany, Indiana 47150

Hours: Monday - Friday, 8:30 am - 5:00 pm

Saturday, October 21st only, 9:00 am - 1:00 pm

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